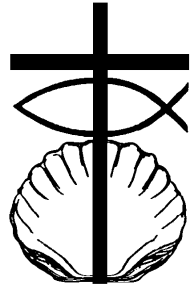


**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**  
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Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2019**

***Welcome to everyone this morning:***  
**and if you are worshipping with us for the**  
**first time, St James' offers you a very warm**  
**welcome and we hope you'll come again.**

Refreshments are always provided after Worship – please join us.

We would like to keep in touch with you to let you know what's going on at St James', so please fill in your details on the '**NEW TO CHURCH**' slip.

A lift is available for access into church, and there is a ramp at the rear of the building. We have large print hymnbooks; other items are available in large print. **If you need any help, please ask a steward.**

**This Morning's Preacher is** Matthew Dyer

**This Morning's Worship** is a Service for the first Sunday of Advent

**Welcoming you are** Stuart Williams and the Miller family

**The Vestry Steward is** Jayne McLaren

**The Book Stewards are** Liz Hudson and Margaret Dee

**Our Readers are** Dave Dickson and Liz Hudson

**The Readings are** Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

**The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Your church is open for coffee on Tuesday mornings from 9.15 to 12.00

***The Church is registered for Gift Aid*** If you are a taxpayer, and not using the envelope system, please complete a Gift Aid envelope with your offering.

***Offertory card*** - If you contribute by standing order, please take a card from the table at the back of the church to place on the plate to represent your gift.

***Standing:*** if you have a problem with standing during worship, please feel free to remain seated – you will not be alone.

### ***FUTURE DATES***

Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>

Fulwood Court Christmas Coffee Morning

#### ***WOMEN'S GUILD PROGRAMME***

**December** 4 Soup & Sandwiches

11 Christmas Meal at Spire Restaurant

Meetings are at 2 pm; Soup and Sandwiches at 1 pm, doors open at 12.45

*The Guild Programme will resume on March 4<sup>th</sup>.*

### ***GIFT SERVICE***

The annual gift service will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Gifts of toys, books, games for babies, young children and youngsters up to early teenage years will be very gratefully received. Also toiletries for both male and female recipients, warm hats, gloves and scarves (for young men and women) boxes of sweets and chocolates and large boxes of biscuits are always very acceptable. **ALL GIFTS SHOULD BE UNWRAPPED, PLEASE.**

### ***READERS NEEDED!***

We will need extra readers for our Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm, Christmas Eve Communion at 11.30pm, and Christmas Day Worship at **10am**. It would be great if our normal faithful team of readers could be expanded with some extra volunteers. If you are a regular or "extra" and you would like to read at any of these Christmas Services please contact Peter as soon as possible, letting him know which Services you would be available for.

### ***CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL***

As last year, there will be a Christmas meal in St Mary's Parish Hall on Christmas Day 1-4pm, for anybody who would otherwise be eating alone. Irrespective of religion or income, anyone is welcome; all that is needed is a contact name & number. Also, all volunteers would be gratefully received! You can contact Anita on 0151 428 1108 or 07387576741 or email [anitacarson46@gmail.com](mailto:anitacarson46@gmail.com).

### ***A MESSAGE FROM DOREEN BANKS***

Thank you for all your lovely cards, flowers, and visits, and for remembering me in your prayers following my recent accident. I am slowly improving and look forward to seeing you all.

God bless you all.

### ***SOUTH LIVERPOOL ORCHESTRA'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT***

at St James' on 3 December at 8pm. £4 payable at the door.

### ***BEAVERS, CUBS & SCOUTS***

Copies of our AGM reports are available at the back of the Church

### ***SPECIAL PROJECTS GROUP***

Next meeting: Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 7.15. This is an **open** meeting and we welcome anyone with an interest in fund raising.

### ***CIRCUIT PRAYERS –***

Rev. Paul Wilson is now not expected to be back in circulation until February. Please pray for Paul, Karen, and the family at this difficult time.

### ***FULWOOD COURT COFFEE MORNING***

Coffee and mince pies on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 till 12 at 529 Aigburth Road. Tickets at £2 (children free) from Derek or Jennifer Long.

### ***STEVE AND CAROL SKYNER***

and all the Skyner family would like to thank all at St. James' for their prayers and support and the many cards of condolences on the sad passing of Steve's father - now gone to Glory in the safe arms of our Lord.

***CHRISTMAS FAIR.*** We raised a total of £1578. Many thanks to everyone for their help and support.

### ***TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING***

will be CLOSED on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December. We shall return bright and bushy tailed on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2020!

### ***BENEVOLENT COLLECTION***

The collection for Girls' Brigade funds on November 17<sup>th</sup> came to £154.47.

## **ITEMS FROM THE MISSION ACTION GROUP**

**ECO-BRICKS** are large plastic bottles packed full of single-use, non-recyclable plastic waste. They are used in community art and small construction projects. Our sister church in Liverpool 8 has committed to producing over 300 eco bricks, but they are a very small congregation. Many of St James' youth groups have already signed up to help them collect plastic. What can we as a Sunday congregation contribute? just bring any ANY **clean dry crinkly, scrunchy or soft waste plastic** - things like: crinkly foil crisp/snack bags, chocolate and sweet wrappers, outer packaging /film from biscuits, tea bag and coffee packets, multipack plastic packaging from items like toilet rolls, or thin plastic and bags that fruit and vegetables are packed in. There will be a bin to put it in. **BUT PLEASE** – *nothing wet or sticky that will contaminate the rest of the waste.* There's so much single-use plastic around. It all goes in the bin. With Christmas coming up, there will be even more. Let's try and save some of it from becoming landfill and help the church family at Princes Park.

**CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE 2019** – If you haven't yet signed up as a Story-teller, Timekeeper, Welcomer or Helper to help share the Christmas Story with 200 local children – now is your chance. We are particularly in need of some extra hands and friendly faces on Tuesday evening December 10<sup>th</sup> between 5-8pm; and any time – morning, afternoon or - on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>. You may never have done this before, but it really is a good experience for everyone. Don't be afraid to dip your toe in the water, you won't regret it. Please talk to Liz Hudson or anyone in the Mission Action Group.

### ***NEXT SUNDAY December 8th: Gift Service and Parade***

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Peter Hughes	<b>Offertory</b>	Ray Jennings
<b>Welcome</b>	Cook family	<b>Tea/coffee</b>	Jonquil & Dave Dickson
<b>Steward (V)</b>	Liz Hudson	<b>PowerPoint</b>	Lynne Barker
<b>(W)</b>	Tony Laverty	<b>Music</b>	Music group
<b>(B)</b>	Pam Bellis & Margaret Dee	<b>Flowers</b>	
<b>Readings</b>	Brigades	<b>Delivery</b>	Jennifer Long
<b>Prayers</b>	Laverty family		

**Tuesday Coffee**      **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** Glenys Evans and Wendy Doig

***Notices for next week*** – Please send any messages to Derek Long at dandjlong765@gmail.com or on 722 1014